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SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON MEXICAN BORDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. THE WASHINGTON-BASED NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA, SECRETARIAT TO THE FORUM OF NATIONAL HISPANIC ORGANIZATIONS, IS PLANNING A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON BORDER ECONOMIC ISSUES TO BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY ON FEBRUARY 24. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IS INVITING GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE U.S. AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS A SIZABLE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ITS MEMBER HISPANIC ORGANIZATIONS. EDUARDO TORRONES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, WILL ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY IN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 23. HE AND OTHER HISPANIC LEADERS HAVE A MEETING SCHEDULED ON JANUARY 24 WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO.

2. TORRONES WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
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THIS SEMINAR WITH AMBASSADOR LUCEY DURING THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT TO MEXICO CITY. TORRONES EXPECTS TO BE IN MEXICO CITY ALL THIS WEEK. TORRONES WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH THE AMBASSADOR A ROLE THAT HE MIGHT PLAY IN THE SEMINAR AND SEEK HIS AND THE EMBASSY'S COUNCIL ON OTHER PEOPLE WHO MIGHT PARTICIPATE.

3. THE BUREAU HOPES THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH TORRONES WHILE HE IS IN MEXICO CITY AND PROVIDE HIM APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. TORRONES IS STAYING AT THE MARIA ISABEL SHERATON. PLEASE CONTACT HIM THERE FOR EMBASSY APPOINTMENTS THAT ARE SET UP. BUREAU HAS GIVEN TORRONES RICHARD HOWARD'S NAME AS AN INITIAL CONTACT POINT. VANCE

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